Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler today released the following statement announcing that he will vote no on H.R 3962, the new House health care reform bill.

"The House health care bill, unveiled last week, does not do enough to contain costs, or protect small businesses, seniors, taxpayers, and middle class families. Since June, I have consistently expressed my serious reservations about the House proposal. While this new version of the bill is a step in the right direction, I am not satisfied that it curbs costs and keeps health care affordable in the long term.

"Congress should not pass a bill that costs more than \$1 trillion dollars. Health care costs are rising faster than wages and inflation, and this bill does not change this trend. We must do more to ease health care costs for hard-working American families. In addition, we need to increase efforts to cut waste, fraud, and abuse from the system.

"If health care reform does not bend the cost curve and reduce waste and fraud, then we are not fixing the problem. We are simply pushing the cost onto future generations."

Since January, Congressman John Adler has hosted more than 60 town hall and open community events. Congressman Adler has heard from local residents, answered questions, and shared his concerns and ideas surrounding health care reform.

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